

DEMOCRATS AT SEA IN WEST VIRGINIA OVER SCOTT SUCCESSOR.

MANY ASPIRANTS IN FIELD

Millionaire Candidates Pursuing Members of Legislature.

TIE IN SENATE WORRIES

Belief Expressed That Republicans and One Recalcitrant Democrat Will Control Organization.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WHEELING, W. Va., November 26.—Clarence W. Watson, the Fairmont coal magnate, was a ten-to-one favorite as the democratic successor to United States Senator Scott a week ago. Watson killed in a walk-off was the popular verdict that is, popular in the sense of being general. With all due allowance, no Watson enthusiast would term him the popular choice at present. The rank and file of all would select John J. Cornwell or John W. Davis. Of the two announced candidates they would by long odds prefer John T. McGraw.

Which brings up the question of the relative standing of these candidates as compared to a week ago. John T. McGraw's announcement, followed by his getting busy prior to and after the same, makes him now seem like an even chance. The determination of the contest hinges on the number of legislators that can be controlled by William E. Chilton, a receptive candidate, who is believed to have combined with Watson for the purpose of defeating McGraw and in return getting Watson's support for himself when Senator Ekins' successor is to be named. McGraw and Watson live in adjoining counties in the northern part of West Virginia. McGraw's home county is in the second congressional district; Watson's county (Marion) is in the first. Naturally, they want the backing of their home counties and neighboring counties. Representatives-elect Day and Brown are for McGraw. Sentiment is decidedly in his favor in almost every northern county. But, unfortunately for him, some of these counties where he is strongest, notably Marshall, have republican legislators.

Disposition of the "Forces."

Watson will have the three house members from Marion, McGraw one from Taylor and probably the vote of Hood Phillips of Taylor, who was elected to the senate. But this vote is problematical, inasmuch as Phillips' district (second) embraces Marion county. Ohio county will have four democratic members for the first time since 1882, and the Watson and McGraw forces have recently been stirring up the bushes around Wheeling at a great rate. McGraw will get at least three of them.

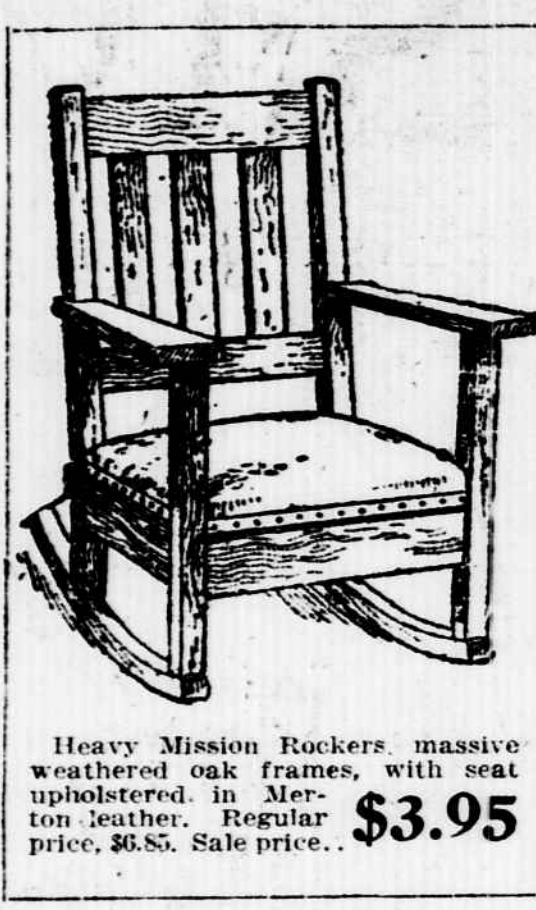
The deciding element will therefore reside in the southern counties, where the Chilton-McCorkle faction of the party is strong. If not in control, and as there will be more than two men balloted for in the democratic contest the ultimate outcome is impossible to determine, since thirty-five votes will nominate, and candidates apparently broke at the start are likely to develop strength if the balloting is prolonged. L. E. Tierney of Cabell expects to benefit in this way. Incidentally, his candidacy may withhold three votes from the Chilton line-up and eventually benefit McGraw. Tierney's candidacy already indirectly helps the Taylor county candidate.

William E. Chilton has never been able to defeat McGraw when their ambitions have clashed, and their contests have been the only matters of more than ordinary interest for the minority party to be entertained with while the republicans controlled the legislature. Their last bout was when Chilton essayed to succeed McGraw as national committeeman. A year previously John J. Cornwell was given the empty honor of senatorial nomination by the democratic caucus after neither McGraw nor Chilton got a majority. Cornwell is supposed to be for McGraw in the present engagement.

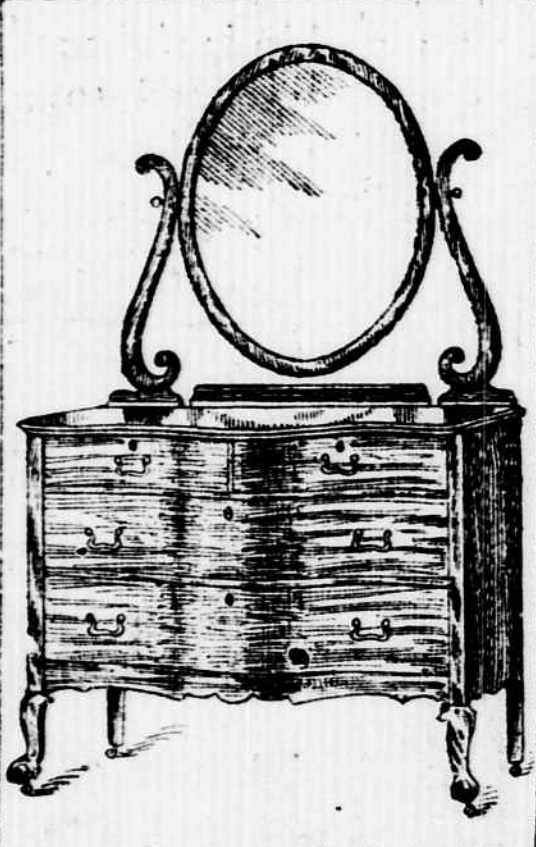
Watson's Managers.

Watson's candidacy is being generated in the upper counties by Charles E. Wells, who was United States marshal under Cleveland, and O. S. McKinney, speaker of the last democratic house of delegates, and by William E. Ohley, the last democratic secretary of state in the Charleston district. This trio came to Wheeling to look over the situation following the big dinner banquet of the Marshall county democratic at Mount Olive, at which McGraw was the star figure and honor guest, although not in attendance. McGraw was the star figure and honor guest, although not in attendance. McGraw was the star figure and honor guest, although not in attendance.

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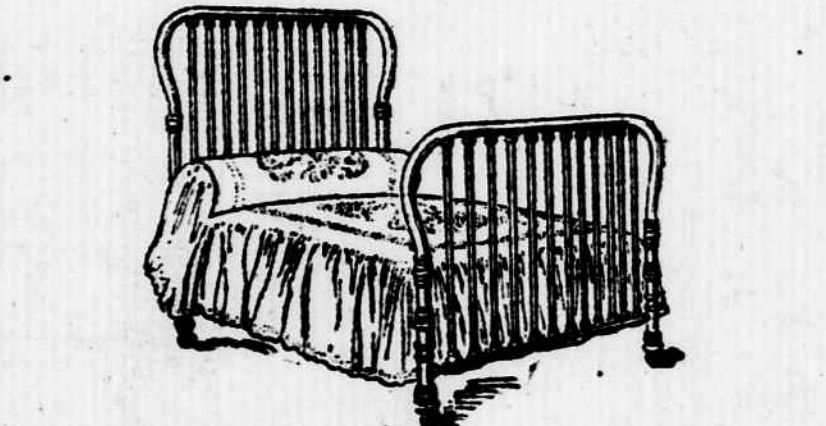
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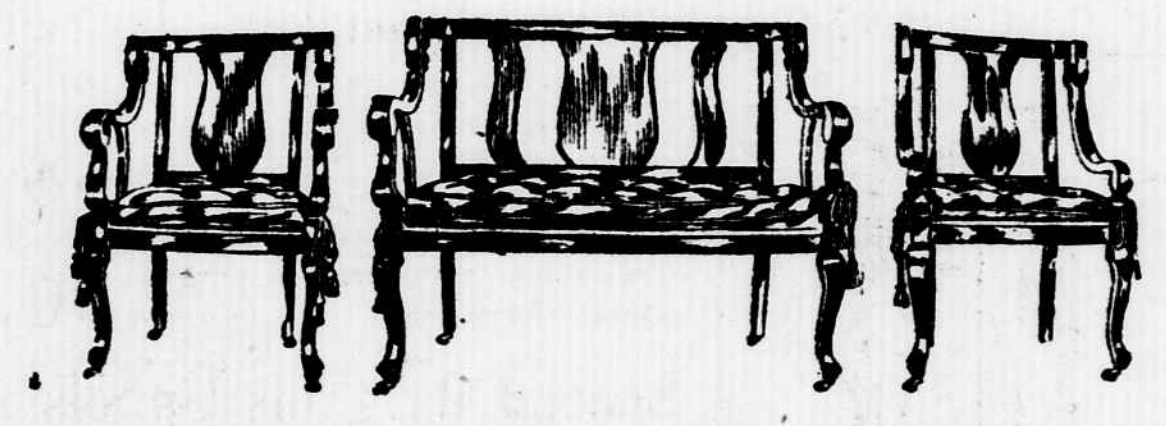
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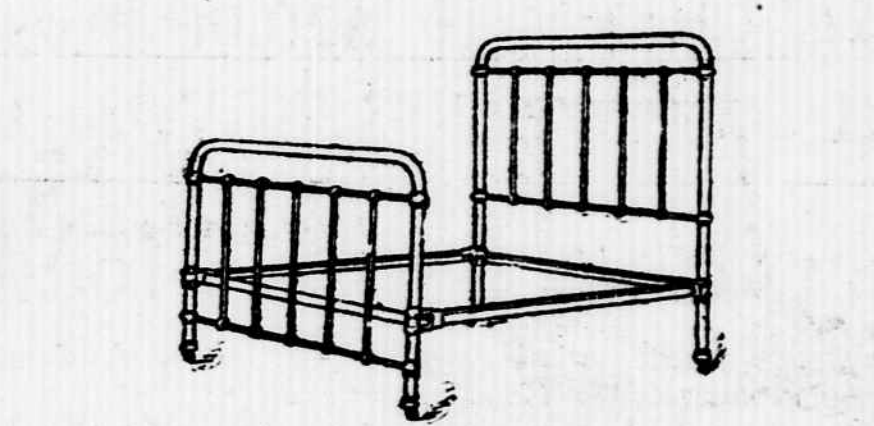
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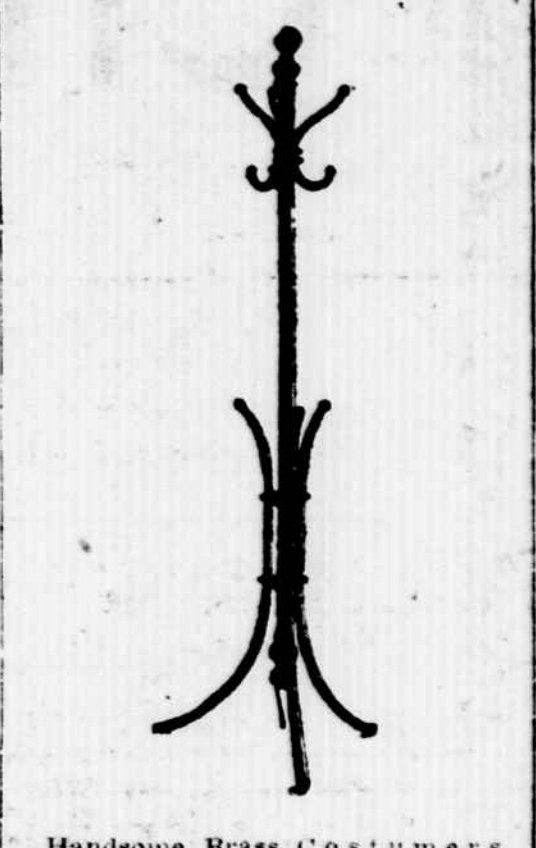
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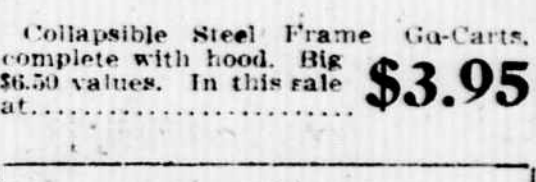
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legislature ends, so as to be on hand for expected trouble. The democrats intend to attack this department and cut the number of its clerks and appropriations. Otherwise, the governor, Frank Lively at once to succeed Townsend.

If coming events cast their shadows before the West Virginia delegation to the national democratic convention will be for Harmon or Wilson Woodrow for the presidency. That is the way National Committeeman McGraw puts it, and his views are generally endorsed.

RAILWAYS BEAR MARKET AGAINST THEMSELVES

E. E. Williamson Sees No Justification for Pessimistic Utterances.

A large attendance of railroad counsel, representing most of the railroads of the country, is expected at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission next Monday on the interpretation to be placed on the long and short haul clause of the amended interstate commerce act, as applied to export and import traffic.

Many lines have advised the commission that they will be represented by their attorneys, and the hearing is regarded as most important.

E. E. Williamson, freight commissioner for the commercial organizations of Cincinnati, yesterday afternoon resumed his testimony, stating that the "remarkably good" financial condition of American railroads.

He said that since the Hepburn act the public had been contributing greater revenues to the railroads, and that the effective enforcement of the law against rebates practically spelled the difference between bankruptcy and prosperity for the railroads. He declared that the basis of credit of nearly all the railroads was good.

He told of what he termed a pessimistic pamphlet prepared by Chairman C. C. McLean of the Trunk Line Association, which, he said, was distributed by the railroads to the public, and which he said was "a document depicting the rate situation as threatening such a 'remarkably good' financial condition of American railroads."

He dwelt upon a letter in reply which his commercial organization had sent to President Brown of the New York Central, in which he said that they called for that all of them possessed this facility to the same degree. Far from it. The truth of things to Titan is overlaid with romance, he is memorable mainly for his magic of color and beauty, while Holbein is just as memorable for his grasp of reality. But compare Titan with Giorgione or Titoretto, and you will see that his apprehension of the reality of things is much greater than theirs. It is that which distinguishes him from the other great colorists of Venice.

Those Bidden to Feast.

Invitations were sent to Norman E. Mack, democratic national chairman, Representatives-elect Davis, Brown, Hamilton and Littlepage of West Virginia; to Col. McGraw, William E. Chilton, Henry G. Davis, C. W. Watson, L. E. Tierney, John J. Cornwell, L. N. Tawney, John H. Holt, Lewis Benne and W. A. MacCorkle, prospective United States senators, and to local and nearby democratic leaders and legislators. These invitations were sent to the following: McGraw and Chilton, who were the most active opponents for the governor, and the others sent regrets. Norman Mack's message was a cheering one, which was joyfully accepted.

There has just ended a recount asked for by Frank Caldwell, democratic candidate for the governor, in the election of the (Wheeling) district, which would have settled the situation in that body had it resulted in his favor. He was beaten on the face of the matter by Julian G. Hearne by 126 votes. Hearne gained almost a dozen on the recount. Before the state senate stands as first reported a 15 to 13 proposition. There are fears in democratic circles of the republicans' announced intention of organizing the body with republican control.

For the patronage of the house, which is a very important democratic there, great scramble. M. M. Neely, the young mayor of Fairmont; ex-Sheriff C. E. Neely, a former state legislator, and University foot ball star, and Shirley Ross, city recorder of Charleston, are the most active applicants for the governorship. The best plum in the basket, Sedgus Platt of Wetzel, who sat in the state constitutional convention in 1872, and the eldest member in point of age, and a legislative service, hopes to be speaker, but will be opposed by a lively field.

Democrats to Lop Expenses.

Tax Commissioner Townsend's term expires with the end of the month. Gov. Glasscock hopes to retain him until the

Anecdotes of "Al" Ports, Known as the "Human Fly"

A MAN who had a strange claim to notoriety died in Washington the other week. He was Albert Ports, a professional rigger, a "human fly," and he often remarked that he was the only man who ever had his picture taken within kissing distance of the Goddess of Liberty. This he considered more of a distinguishing circumstance than the fact that he once fell from the dome of the Capitol and lived to tell the tale. Incidentally, he bore the scars of that accident to the grave. Ports was one of the best known and conspicuous of the old-time attaches of the Capitol, and rendered untold service to the government.

About five years ago an appropriation was made by Congress for the cleansing of the statue of the Goddess of Liberty, with which the dust and rains for many years had played sad havoc. The task of erecting a scaffolding around this distinguished female was almost superhuman, but Albert Ports announced he could do it—and he did. The statue weighs 16,000 pounds and the scaffolding, therefore, is very considerable. The timbers of the scaffolding were hoisted up from the inside of the dome, one at a time, and a huge framework erected around the goddess—or "Indian" as she is frequently referred to. From the base line to the crest of the building is a good 307 feet, while Miss Liberty stands 19 feet 4 inches in her bronze sandals. So to be able to scrub her aquiline nose to the man with the brush must be suspended 325 feet in the air. Ports was the only man willing to undertake the feat, and he made good at it.

And this he accomplished thirty years after he had fallen from the dome. It was in August, 1874, that Ports climbed into the dome and made his way out upon the "light" balcony. Crawling up on the railing, he leaned far over to examine the roofing directly under the balcony. This gallery, by the way, is composed of thirteen columns, emblematic of the thirteen original states, and Ports never quite decided whether the thirteen columns were responsible for his fall or whether it brought him good luck and saved his life. Not long ago he was telling some friends in the architect's office of his experience, and he said: "I was leaning away over and thought I had a good purchase. The city, like a great wheel, lay spread out beneath me. Suddenly, I don't know how or why, I lost my balance and plunged down, down, down. I landed in a crumpled heap in the gallery above the first order of columns. The other riggers told me afterward that they ran down the stairs and climbed out to me, but I was so dizzy I couldn't get up. As I shot into space I heard the frightened screams of my two assistants. But I wasn't dead nor even badly hurt, and was already trying to untwist and untangle myself when they arrived. My men took me to the superintendent's office and the doctor that they called couldn't find anything more the matter than a badly broken wrist. He set the wrist, but, as you can see, it is badly maimed and discolored to this day. The doctor said that it wasn't his fault and I guess it wasn't. He wanted me to go home, and not fuss around any more, and give the bones a chance to mend, but I just had to finish that little job—and I finished it that day, too!"

Ports always wound off this story with a bit of humor that he thought was neat. He declared that four other persons had "taken leaps for life from the dome," because two ceremonies of marriage had been performed at that sublime altitude.

When anything special or unusual happened at the Capitol Ports appeared to be always in evidence. One of his amusing anecdotes dates back to the year 1868, when a man blew one windy morning and asked to be directed to the dome stairway. On being accommodated he commenced his upward journey and continued as far as the second balcony. There he proceeded to dress himself of his next pile. When he accomplished the task entirely, and to his satisfaction, he retraced his steps rapidly, and, as lightly and gracefully as a deer, leaped blithely into the rotunda. It was

just the time of day when nightseers and visitors abounded, and his entrance was before quite a good-sized audience. The guards and guides were paralyzed with utter amazement, refusing to credit their own eyes, and no effort was made to stop the airy stranger. Reaching the exact center of the rotunda, he poised himself, his right hand pointing aloft. Perhaps he was indicating where his clothes might be found. Perfectly useless orders were shouted by confused guards. Meanwhile the stranger posed and pointed.

In those days a little curio souvenir stand was located in the rotunda. Its owner was a little old lady, a well known character in her day. On this occasion she appeared to be the only one who had any presence of mind, for, seizing a remarkable raincoat that she kept tucked away at the bottom of her stand, she ran to the posuer and promptly enveloped him in its ample folds. This weird statue that had no place either in rotunda or hall of fame was hastily conveyed to shelter and obscurity. Somewhat later he was returned to Ohio and to the asylum in that state from which he had escaped.

"SILLY" TOY BOOM

Teddy Bear Followed by Woolly Animals and Manikins.

From the London Mirror.

Simple "silly" toys are all the rage just now.

The Teddy bear is responsible for the boom, and following him a host of simple unbreakable woolly animals, manikins and "babies" has sprung upon the toy market. Cheap mechanical clockwork toys and things that "wind up" seem to have temporarily lost favor with children. Boys up to twelve years of age, girls of all ages and even grown-ups have taken a violent fancy to the cloth or woolen toy which can be punched, kicked, trod on or shaken without ill effects, either to the owner or to the toy.

Inquiries made at the leading London tophops by the Daily Mirror Saturday show that during the coming winter season the simple toy will be the chief article sold. At one large Regent street establishment one side of the shop is already stocked with "silly" toys and in a few days' time hundreds more will arrive—lions, elephants, bears, sheep, dogs, rabbits, etc.—costing anything from 1s to 2s 3s each.

The simple toy is having an undoubted boom just now, said the manager. "These toys are really intended for babies, but I have known ladies to fall in love with them and buy them for themselves. While the craze is going on, I have seen sales of cheap mechanical clockwork toys, it has not hurt the scientific toy trade. It seems that children nowadays either like an extremely simple toy or a really 'brainy' amusement, such as making electrical experiments, putting toy aeroplanes together or scientific kite flying."

Popular "silly" toys already selling well are "Baby Bumps," fitted with a "can't-break" art head, and a very funny looking duck, called a "Puddleduck." Each of these toys has been bought as a present by ladies and taken out in motor cars.

An interesting reason for the boom in simple animal toys was given by an enthusiastic toy dealer. "Playful as the 'Blue Bird,' 'Pinky and the Fairies' and 'Peter Pan,' in which animals possessed of wonderful intelligence are seen on the stage, have a considerable influence over children," he said. "In the 'Blue Bird' animals such as the cat, dog and horse are made to possess a soul. They reason and argue like human beings. Now, the successful toy manufacturer enters into his goods—he makes the cloth dog or rabbit as 'cute' and lifelike as possible. It is the soulful quality of these toys, if I may so express it, which attracts. I have known ladies positively to rave over a fluffy little cloth dog, making anecdotes about it, and buying it for their children. It is at dinner and talking to it for hours in a 'baby' voice."

A Hold-Up That Was Futile.

Highway robbery, practised by one bird upon another, is not very unusual. Many of us have seen one wild bird snatch from another some bit of food that he has secured, and a procession of chickens in pursuit of one of their number that

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has obtained a morsel too large to be swallowed at once is a common sight wherever chickens are kept. A famous and very impressive example of this "birdy" takes place when the bald eagle chases the fishhawk that has captured a prey, and forcing it to drop the fish, appropriates it to its own use. Gulls of various species are also great robbers, and in fact, many of them live by this trade. In the Wilson Bulletin, L. S. Koller describes an unusual battle over food in which a pair of redheaded woodpeckers and four bluejays were quarrelling and fighting over a large fragment of decaying meat. He says: "The redheads were in possession of the morsel and the bluejays were doing their best to get it away from them. The bluejays repeatedly attacked and dislodged the redheads, but the redheads were determined to hold on to the morsel. The bluejays, in their turn, were attempting to pierce the bodies of the redheads with their sharp bills. The bluejays' principal method of attack was to singly pounce down near the redheads on the trunk of the tree on which the woodpeckers had established themselves and utter shrill cries and try to snatch the morsel. But on finding that single attempts were of no avail they rallied their forces and then made a general advance, each adopting a different method of strategy to gain the desired end. All their efforts were of no use, and after almost a half-hour of fierce battle, the bluejays, apparently much disappointed and disgusted to the other end of the grove. Bearing in mind that the bluejays are not prone to give in quickly and are also quite covetous, I remained sitting on a fallen stump just out of view of the redheads and watched. Several times a single jay returned to the scene of battle, approaching as quickly as possible until he was within a few feet of the redheads, and then with loud calls flew back and joined its fellows."

Queen Amelia's Fortune.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

All kinds of tales are being told about the pecuniary affairs of the royal family of Portugal. Queen Amelia is certainly in good circumstances, for her marriage portion was 3,000,000 francs and she inherited over 8,000,000 francs from her father, the Comte de Paris. The whole of her fortune has always been safely invested outside of Portugal. Queen Amelia was a beneficiary under the will of the Duc d'Albuquerque, and she will some day inherit another considerable fortune from her mother, the Comtesse de Paris, who is enormously rich.

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